

I.O. 6203

Extract from Black List No. 4 (I.O. 7922)
dated 2.8.27.

G-4. GUSTOCHIN, alias Matislavoff, alias General Gudjon,
alias A. Koumoff, alias A. Sigisla, alias,
Kolose, alias K. Arseny.

Aged about 47, height 5' 10", rather stout dark eyes, dark hair, clean shaven, hard features, has a distinctly military appearance, is married. Was formerly Colonel of the General Staff of the Russian Imperial Army. In 1916 and 1917, was assistant professor to the Military General Staff in the Military Academy of Petrograd (Leningrad). In 1918-19 was an officer in General Denikin's Army and from 1920 has been in the service of the Bolsheviks. First came to Shanghai from Peking on January 14, 1925, and resided at the Burlington Hotel, where he registered as a Statistician. From March 4, 1925 to March 18, 1925 was at Wankang for the purpose of collecting information re the number of troops in the Shanghai-Wankang Area, and instructing students and strikers in military training. On June 4, 1925 he was arrested at the Burlington Hotel and eventually deported from the International Settlement of Shanghai in August of the same year. After being deported he visited Tientsin and Peking and in August 1925, the same month in which he was deported arrived at Kaifeng where he formed a Russian Mission, which was attached to Feng Yu-hsiang's army under the name of Gudjon. Gustochin was made officer in command. He is also reported to have visited Kalgan in command of certain "Red" Russian troops after Kaifeng was evacuated by the Kuomintang troops in

June 1926, and to have maintained a Russian detachment for Wu Pei Fu at Loyang, for which men were recruited secretly from Shanghai. Visited Shanghai in April, 1927 when he was reported to have been appointed a military adviser to Chiang Kai-shek, but owing to the latter's change of policy towards the communists, returned to Hankow in May, 1927, and became a military instructor to the Hankow Government. During the following days he seems to have been somewhat elusive and on June 23, 1927 he suddenly arrived in Shanghai from Canton under the name of A. Koumoff and lived in the Plaza Hotel. On the following day, June 24, he disappeared again and returned to Shanghai from Nanking on July 13, travelling under the name of Koloso. It was also reported that he arrived in Nanking from Hankow on the evening of July 10 and 11. On the occasion of the latter visit he stated that he had been appointed Senior Adviser at General Chiang Kai-shek's Headquarters. He is still residing at the Plaza Hotel. For some time during 1925 he was Military Adviser to the Soviet consulate in Shanghai.

July 16, 7

Dear Shelley,

I have to inform you that General Gustchin arrived here from Hanking on July 13 travelling under the alias of Kolose and is now staying at the Plaza Hotel where he registered in the name of K. Arseny.

It is believed that Gustchin has been appointed Senior Adviser at General Chiang Kai Shek's Headquarters.

Yours sincerely,



Captain J. P. Shelley,

General Staff, Headquarters,

Shanghai Defence Force.

Shanghai Municipal Police.

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16/7/27

CENTRAL I. O. 322222

July 15, 1927.

REPORT ON Soviet General Gustchin, alias Matislavoff, alias General Gudjon, alias A. Koumoff, alias A. Sigiflis.

Made by D.S.I. Robertson.

Forwarded by

J. P. S. 6. D. I.

Sir,

The foreigner named Kolose, Senior Adviser at General Chiang Kai Shek's Military Headquarters, who is mentioned in the Intelligence Report of July 13 as having arrived at Shanghai North Station from Nanking at 7.15 a.m. July 13, is the notorious General Gustchin, who is now staying at the Plaza Hotel Room 314 under the name of K. Arseny.

It is reported that Gustchin arrived from Hankow at Nanking on the "Tafoo Maru" on the night of July 10-11 and after interviewing General Chiang Kai Shek came here to recuperate.

Since his arrival in Shanghai he has renewed his acquaintance with his paramour Mrs. De Sheimo and frequently visits her at 390 Avenue Joffre.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

D. S. I.
D. S. I.

D.S.I.

*Copy to Capt. Shelley 16.7.27
For. Sec.*

*This Staff
Officer
denies that
any Russians
are employed
by the
M. P.*

C. I. D.
E. O. 12808
No. 6203
Date 2/7/27

July 2 7

Dear Captain Shelley,

I forward herewith for your
information a copy of a Police Report dated
July 2 regarding the arrival here of a
notorious Soviet military agent named Gustchin.

Yours truly,



C. D. I.
for C. I. D.

Captain J. P. Shelley,
General Staff, Headquarters,
S H A F O R C E.

Shanghai Municipal Police.

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July 2, 1927

REPORT ON Soviet General Gustchin, alias Matislavoff, alias
General Gudjen, alias A. Koumoff, alias A. Sigidis.

Made by P.C.S. Kedrolivansky Forwarded by Robertson, D.S.I.

Sir,

I beg to report that a notorious Soviet Military agent in China, named A. Gustchin, arrived here from Canton on June 23, 1927 by the s.s. "President Taft" under the name of A. Koumoff. He was accompanied by his aide-de-camp W. Mouravieff.

On their arrival in Shanghai they proceeded to the "Hotel de France" where they registered as Mr. A. Sigidis and W. Mouravieff respectively.

On June 24 they left the Hotel and W. Mouravieff went to No. 220 Rue Chapsal, where he is at present residing.

No trace of Gustchin has been found since he left the Hotel, but it is reported that he went to Hankow under an assumed name.

The paramour of Guschin, Mrs. De Sheimo is now living at No. 390 Avenue Joifre. Her movements are being watched in an endeavour to locate the whereabouts of Guschin.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant.

V. Kedrolivansky
P. C. S.

D. C. I.

Shanghai Municipal Police.

C. I. D.
F. O. 120
No. 6203
Date 5-6-25

I. O. Central

Station.

June, 4

1925

REPORT ON Interrogation of a Suspected Bolsheviki Agent.

Made by D. S. Korolkoff, 31

Forwarded by

J. K. Guiness 688

Sir,

I beg to report that to-day, on June 4, I acted as interpreter at the Louza Station when Mr Maitland, Police Solicitor, questioned a Russian arrested at the Burlington Hotel this morning.

The man admitted that his name is Alexander Gushohin, Russian General Staff, Colonel through Imperial promotion., who in 1916 and 1917 was an assistant professor at the General Staff Military Academy at Petrograd.

He admitted also that since his arrival in Shanghai, in January, 1925, he has been staying at the Burlington Hotel under the name of Mstislavoff, but said that he never used the pseudonyms of Mstislavsky or Vyacheslavsky. Gushohin denied that he turned over to the Bolsheviki after the Bolshevik Revolution stating that during 1918 and 1919 he was fighting against the Reds in General Denikin's Army and was then evacuated to Constantinople. He states that he well knows Gecker, Military Attache to Karahan, as Gecker was amongst his students in the Academy. Gushohin-Mstislavoff denies that he brought with him a large sum of money from Russia and says that he brought only about 900 gold dollars, his own property, and that this has been nearly spent here. He is willing to leave Shanghai for Russia. He has only about 300 dollars Mex. on him. Gushohin says that he is not a Communist nor an Internationalist, but he is a "neutral", one of the many in Russia now, who are in the service of the Bolsheviki at present and who long for "another Russia". He is a Soviet subject and produced a Soviet passport issued by the local Red Consulate.

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Made by

Forwarded by

He emphatically denies any connection with the Red Consulate to which place, he says, he has been once and that was to change his passport. Gushchin says that he knows neither Ozornin nor Wilde.

He admits that he was making enquiries with the local Whites and anti-Bolshevik organizations, but no explanation was given by him.

Questioned about his teaching Chinese Students as a Military Instructor he said that he does not even know a man amongst the Chinese.

He produced tickets to go to Peking en route for Russia this night and explained that his sudden departure is due to the note in yesterday's copy of the Russia" accusing him of being the Military Instructor of the rioters. This was forcing him to leave Shanghai as soon as possible as "he has no means to defend himself".

Mr Maitland consented to let him leave Shanghai this night instead of having to appear before the Court to-morrow on a charge of being an undesirable, but warned him to abstain from returning to Shanghai.

Gushchin is being detained at the Louza Station until his departure and D.S. Papp has been charged with conveying him to the S. N. R. Station and to ascertain the hour of his departure.

I am, Sir,

your obedient servant

B. Korolkoff

D. S. 31.

D. C. I.

Noted.
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Shanghai Municipal Police.

Louza Station.

June 5th 1925

Further REPORT ON Riots in Louza District.

Made by D.S. Douglas Forwarded by

Sir,

Since forwarding my last report nothing further has developed.
General Guschin was escorted and seen on the train for Peking
at 11 p.m. 4/6/25.

All the Chinese Police attached to this Station paraded for
duty as usual this morning.

I am, Sir,

Your Obedient Servant

Douglas.
Det. Sergt.

D. C. I.

Noted

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Station.

June

4,

1925.

REPORT ON Guschin-Mstislavoff alias Mstislavsky or Vyacheslavsky.

Made by T.P.O.O. Kedrolivansky Forwarded by

J. Guieu C. I.

Sir,

A Russian, who resides at Burlington Hotel under the name of Mr. Mstislavoff, is actually Guschin, Soviet Military Agent in Shanghai. It is stated also that he may appear sometimes under the names of Mstislavsky or Vyacheslavsky. It is known that Guschin-Mstislavoff, then a Colonel of the Russian Imperial General Staff, was, at the time of the March Revolution in 1917, an assistant-professor at the General-Staff Military Academy in Petrograd, and afterwards went over to the Bolsheviks. He is a personal friend of Mr. Gecker, Military Attaché to Karahan.

Guschin-Mstislavoff came here from Peking in January 1925 and was staying at the Burlington Hotel, room No. 69, showing his profession to be a "Statistician". He speaks French perfectly, a little German and very little English. He is alleged to have brought large funds here and to have special secret instructions. It is stated that his principal task is the collecting of information regarding the allocation of Chinese troops in Kiangsu Province and their movements. With the same purpose Mstislavoff left Shanghai for Nanking on March 4, 1925 and came back on March 18. He is residing at the Burlington Hotel. It is stated also that besides his principal duties of a Military Agent, he has been instructed to keep a watch over the local "White" officers and take steps to persuade them to return to Russia.

Guschin-Mstislavoff often meets Kister-Ozornin, Soviet Consul General here, and Wilde, Soviet Vice Consul.

D. U. I.

I am, Sir,
Your Obedient servant,
Y. Kedrolivansky
T. P. O. O.

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3.6.1925.

"Russia" reports the following:- Great nervousness is observed amongst the Soviet leaders. A rumour is in circulation to the effect that the Soviet Consulate has sent a radio to Moscow asking for instructions and money for the development of this movement.

It has been ascertained that after the scandalous revelation of the Sunday meeting at the Soviet Consulate, the Headquarters of the strike have been transferred to the Chinese Students' Union, Chapei.

Mysterious and disguised messengers are constantly running from the Headquarters to the Soviet Consulate with "reports".

It has been confirmed that an organization of a Sovdep (Council of the Labour and Soldier Deputies) and of the Red Guards is being carried on in Chapei under the direction of Soviet agents.

The agents of the Chinese Students' Union, members of the Koumintang party and members of the Chinese Volunteer Corps are acting jointly, and in accordance with the instructions of the Soviet Consulate. Gushin-Matislavoff, of the Russian General Staff, who used to live at the Burlington Hotel is their Military Instructor.

Shanghai Municipal Police.

Louza Station.

June 4th 1925

Further REPORT ON Riots in Louza District.

Made by D.S. Douglas

Forwarded by J. H. J. J. J. J.

Sir,

I beg to report that everything has been quiet for the past 24 hours.

At 8.15 a.m. on the 4/6/25 I arrested a Russian Known General Guschin at the Burlington Hotel. a Russian woman who had spent the night with him was also arrested but subsequently released.

General Guschin was interrogated by Mr Maitland (P.S.) and he decided that he should be escorted to the train which leaves Shanghai at 11 p.m. this inst. (4/6/25) as he has Railway tickets in his possession, covering transportation from Shanghai to Peking. He states that he is a Bolshevik but not a Communist and denies taking any part in the present trouble and states that he will not return to Shanghai.

Information has been received by me on at least four occasions, so I communicated with the D.C.I. suggesting that the rooms of this man (General Guschin) be searched, and the man arrested.

Authority was granted by the D.C.I. and together with Special Police I went to the Burlington Hotel and arrested the said man.

He will be escorted to the train and seen off by Foreign detectives.

A further report will follow on subsequent developments.

I am, Sir,

Your Obedient Servant

Det. Sergt.

D. C. I.

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THE NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS, THURSDAY, JULY 2, 1925.

**NOTES BOLSHIEVISTS AT
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...will be under the case
of the Bolshevik agent.
Gushin, who was arrested here
in the Burlington Hotel and deported
to the north, was found to have
received his pay here and then in
Tientsin.

Gushin was taking part in meet-
ings of the Bolshevik Shanghai Com-
mittee in the native language when
the place was raided by Marshal
Chang's soldiers. Finding
themselves trapped, the Bolsheviks
opened fire whereupon the Tientsin
soldiers rushed and Gushin with ten
Chinese was shot.



Extract from Black List. Recent Movements
(I. O. 7922). Dated 20.8.27.

G-4. GUSTORIN. Still in Shanghai staying at Plaza Hotel,
reported that he has recently broken
with the local Soviet Consulate.

See also Files:-

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